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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shuji KUROKAWA**

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Serial Number: **10/689,525**

Examiner: **Isiaka O. Akanbi**

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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May 18, 2006

Sir:

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action of March 8, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** appear in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.